Appointment of Advisory Committee and their Powers and Duties Rules, 2006

13. The Citizens (Registration at Indian Consulates) Rules 1956
14. The Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act, 1921
15. The Haj Committee Act, 2002 (hard copy only)
16. The Haj Committee Rules, 2002 (hard copy only)
17. Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic zone and Other Maritime Zones Act, 1976.

Indians in Jails of Saudi Arabia

1693. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian citizens are languishing in jails of Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, the details of persons detained in Saudi jails as on today;

(c) whether the State Government of Kerala forwarded the case of Shri Stellas Pereira who is interned in Saudi jail;

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to get released from jail; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) As per the information provided to the Indian Mission in Riyadh by the Saudi Arabian Foreign office, as in the year 2005, 1116 Indian nationals were in Saudi prisons for various offences.

(c) to (e) The facts are being ascertained.

Interview of Chinese Ambassador

1694. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the interview of Chinese

Ambassador to India with news channel CNN-IBN claiming the whole of Arunachal Pradesh as Chinese territory;

(b) whether it is an unfriendly act on his part for making such claim, more so on the eve of the visit of Chinese President of India;

(c) whether it is not a signal of projecting India as a soft State so far its vital territorial interests are concerned; and

(d) whether Government paid a status paper of the floor of the House on this aspect of Indo-Chinese relations?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d) Government has unambiguously rejected the Chinese contention, stating that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India. The matter has also been taken up immediately with the Chinese Government and India's disappointment and concern over the remarks made by the Chinese Ambassador clearly conveyed. This position has also been reiterated on the floor of the House.

Causes for Indo-Pak border dispute

†1695. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of enclave between India and Pakistan which have come into existence due to border dispute;

(b) if so, total number thereof and total land occupied by them; and

(c) the number of those enclaves on which India claim its right?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.